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SUBJECT: W/W JOHN V. STOEN

REF: GEORGETOWN 2175

1. US ATTORNEY HAAS AND GUYANESE COURT MARSHAL INFORMED
CONSUL ON SEPTEMBER 9 THAT FURTHER ATTEMPT BY GUYANESE
COURT MARSHALL TO SERVE SUMMONS ON PEOPLE'S TEMPLE LEADER
JIM JONES WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. HAAS STATED THAT HE ACCOMPANIED
COURT MARSHAL AND TWO POLICE OFFICERS TO JONESTOWN WHERE
GROUP MET WITH HOSTILE RECEPTION.

2. COURT MARSHAL RELATED TO CONSUL THAT REPRESENTATIVE
OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE REFUSED TO ACCEPT SUMMONS, AND WHEN
MARSHAL AS INSTRUCTED BY COURT NAILED THREE COPIES OF THE
SUMMONS ON DIFFERENT BUILDINGS THEY WERE TORN DOWN BY
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBER AND THROWN BACK INTO THE GROUP'S LAND
ROVER. MARSHAL ALSO ATTEMPTED TO SERVE ADDITIONAL COPY OF
THE SUMMONS ON PEOPLE'S TEMPLE REP., BUT SHE REFUSED TO ACCEPT
IT. THE SUMMONS FELL ON THE GROUND AND MEMBERS OF THE
PEOPLE'S TEMPLE THEN ACCUSED THE GROUP OF LITTERING THE
AREA WITH QUOTE GARBAGE AND TRASH UNQUOTE. AT THIS POINT
THE GROUP WITHDREW.

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3. CONSUL WAS PRESENT AT COURT HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 10.
NO MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE APPEARED NOR WERE ANY OF
THEIR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
WHO HAS JURISDICTION IN THIS CASE BECAME VISIBLY ANGRY
WHEN COURT MARSHAL RELATED SCENARIO TO HIM. HE ISSUED ORDER
FOR THE ARREST OF THE CHILD JOHN STOEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF

BRING HIM INTO CUSTODY OF THE COURT IN GEORGETOWN.
HE FURTHER DIRECTED JONES TO BE SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN
COURT TO SHOW CAUSE WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT,
AND FINALLY IF JONES FAILS TO APPEAR HE WILL BE TAKEN INTO
CUSTODY FORTHWITH.

4. IN UNRELATED ISSUE, HAAS TOLD CONSUL THAT HE, HAAS,
HAD BEEN INFORMED BY HIS CLIENT DURING A TELEPHONE CONVER-
SATION ON SEPTEMBER 9, THAT JONES ATTORNEY CHARLES GARRY
ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT JONES PLANS
A MULTIMILLION DOLLAR SUIT AGAINST THE USG FOR CONSPIRACY.
HAAS HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS. HAAS ALSO
CLAIMED THAT HIS CLIENT TOLD HIM THAT THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE
HAD RELEASED A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ABOUT AN
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON JONES SHORTLY AFTER HAAS GROUP
LEFT JONESTOWN ON SEPTEMBER 6. WHEN PRESSED BY ONE OF
THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO WERE AT JONESTOWN ABOUT THIS
ALLEGED ATTEMPT, PEOPLE'S TEMPLE MEMBERS HASTILY BACK-
TRACKED BECAUSE THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY MAINTAINED JONES
HAD NOT BEEN IN THE AREA ON SEPTEMBER 6.

5. CONSUL INTENDS TO INFORM DIRECTOR SCA, AND OTHER
ACCOMPANYING SCS OFFICIALS OF CASE AT PORT
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